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SUBJECT: NSF-SPONSORED US-USSR CORROSION EXCHANGE: DELAY IN VISIT OF
KOLOTYRKIN

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1. HAVING EARLIER SOUGHT CONFIRMATION ON KOLOTYRKIN TRAVEL PLANS
(REF C) WITH NO SUCCESS, EMBOFF 3 AUGUST PRESENTED ITINERARY FOR
KOLOTYRKIN TO AYKAZYAN AT SCST. DURING MEETING, AYKAZYAN
(WHO HAD JUST RETURNED FROM LEAVE) STATED THAT HE THOUGHT THERE WAS
A PROBLEM WITH THE VISIT, AND WOULD HAVE IT CHECKED. V.
CHUBIKOV, SCST, SUBSEQUENTLY CONTACTED EMBOFF TO REQUEST THAT
PROF. STAEHLE BE INFORMED THAT KOLOTYRKIN WILL BE UNABLE TO
ARRIVE AS SCHEDULED ON 8 AUGUST. ACCORDING TO CHUBIKOV, KOLOTYRKIN
HAS FALLEN ILL AND HIS PHYSICIAN WILL NOT ALLOW HIM TO TRAVEL
"FOR AT LEAST THE HOT MONTH OF AUGUST." CHUBIKOV SAID THAT KOLOTYRKIN
MIGHT BE ABLE TO VISIT IN EARLY SEPTEMBER, AND EXPRESSED BELIEF
THAT MAIN SOVIET DELEGATION WOULD STILL BE ABLE TO VISIT IN FALL
DESPITE DELAY IN KOLOTYRKIN VISIT.

2. AS DEPT AND NSF MAY BE AWARE, PREPARATIONS ARE UNDER WAY
FOR ANGLO-SOVIET CORROSION EXCHANGE (FIRST VISIT
TO TAKE PLACE 9-20 OCTOBER). BRITISH SCICOUNS HAS
ADVISED THAT KOLOTYRKIN IS LEADING SOVIET SIDE OF THAT
EXCHANGE AS WELL, AND THAT IT HAS BEEN PARTICULARLY
DIFFICULT FOR BRITISH TO GET TIMELY RESPONSES FROM
KOLOTYRKIN.

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